(a) the details of railway lines covered under the proposed railway division at Salem; and

(b) by when the divisional office would be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of proposed Railway lines covered under the proposed Railway division at Salem is as under:—

Udagamandalam - Coimbatore North - Erode - Salem-Jolarpettai (excluding), Irugur Podanur (including) - Coimbatore North, Erode - Tiruchchirappalli (excluding), Salem - Karur (New line) - Dindigul (excluding), Salem - Vriddhachalam (excluding) and Salem-Mettur Dam.

(b) *It is not possible to indicate any time frame right now.*

Security of foreign tourists

†530. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is reconsidering to provide security to the tourists especially the foreign tourists and to increase the speed limit of trains upto 250 kilometres per hour in 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the railway sections chosen to run the trains with increased speed limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However Railway Passengers are provided with Security by Railway Protection Force (RPF) & Government Railway Police (GRP) and the same facility is available to foreign tourists. There is no proposal, as of now, to increase the speed limit of trains upto 250 kilometres per hour.

Attachment of certain stretches of rail routes with Salem Railway Division

531. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.